

A copy of the amended claims, marked to show changes, is attached.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6752.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robyn Adams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Enclosures:

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the claims:**

7. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising [a] the sequence of nucleotides as shown in SEQ ID NO:[N, wherein N is an odd integer from 1 to 327] 1.

8. (Amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA segment encoding a polypeptide as shown in SEQ ID NO:[M, wherein M is an even integer from 2 to 328] 2; and

a transcription terminator.

12. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein, said protein comprising a secretory peptide [selected from the group consisting of secretory peptides shown in Table 1, operably linked to a second polypeptide] from residue 1 to residue 21 as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

13. (Amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA segment encoding [a] the fusion protein according to claim 12[, said protein comprising a secretory peptide selected from the group consisting of secretory peptides shown in Table 1, wherein M is an even integer from 2 to 328, operably linked to a second polypeptide]; and

a transcription terminator.